

## Children Should be Safe In Congress

The Congress should be one of the safest places in American for children to work and learn. I am disgusted with the actions of Rep. Foley who should be condemned and then prosecuted.

In the future, the Rules of the House should be amended to require that any allegation of misconduct with a page or intern must be immediately referred to *both* the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Ethics Committee.

Members should be on notice that under such new House Rules, matters will be immediately shared with both a Democratic and Republican Member of Congress.

The Rules of the House should also be amended to detail new duties owed by the Congress to children and their parents, with new codes conduct to protect pages and interns temporarily employed by Congress.

With regard to the Foley matter, the Speaker and Minority Leader should appoint an outside panel to investigate who knew what and when in this matter. Former Congressmen Dick Gephardt and Bob Michel might be the right, respected leaders to conduct an independent, bipartisan investigation with a report to the American people.

Congress should also cancel the pensions of Members convicted of felonies and enact the

Deleting Online Predators Act. Both measures passed the House and are pending in the Senate. Out of this revolting matter will come an opportunity to reform Congress, giving the institution some of the strongest new rules of conduct in America.